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Application No. : 10/693,883

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Group Art Unit : 3739

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For : ELECTRONIC ENDOSCOPE APPARATUS

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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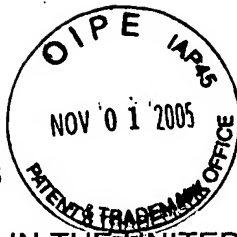
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 12, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on November 14, 2005 (November 12, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicant submits the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.